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Rapid City, Wagner Soldiers to return from Kuwait deployment

RAPID CITY, S.D. – A welcome home ceremony for more than 150 Soldiers of the South Dakota Army National Guard's 155th Engineer Company is scheduled for Saturday, July 2, at 2 p.m. (MT) at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center's Barnett Arena.

The Rapid City and Wagner-based unit is returning from a 10-month deployment to Kuwait.

The public is encouraged to attend.

Gov. Dennis Daugaard, U.S. Senators John Thune and Mike Rounds, U.S. Representative Kristi Noem, Rapid City Mayor Steve Allender and Maj. Gen. Tim Reisch, adjutant general of the SDNG, are planned speakers for the ceremony.

The 155th deployed to Kuwait with a mission to improve survivability, remodel and complete new construction of base infrastructure in the U.S. Army Central area of operations. As a vertical engineer company, the unit has a wide variety of occupational specialties, which include carpentry, plumbing, electrical and masonry.

The unit returned to the United States on June 19 and has been completing demobilization requirements at Fort Bliss, Texas, before returning to South Dakota.

This is the second mobilization for the 155th, which deployed to Kuwait in support of Operation Noble Eagle in 2002-2003.

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